

My name is John Wentland. I am from the town of Glastonbury and a member of Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church which participates in the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance, or GHIAA

I am writing in support of Fair Share Legislation, House Bill 6633. This bill will make our suburbs more inclusive places to live and contribute to economic growth and revitalization of our cities. Modeled after successful legislation in New Jersey and informed by Raj Chetty's research on economic opportunity, this bill has the potential to generate over: • 135,000 units of sorely needed affordable housing over 10 years • 63,000-79,000 jobs (full time equivalents sustained for ten years) • \$9.8-12.2 Billion in state and local tax revenue • \$47-59 Billion in income for Connecticut residents.

Living in Glastonbury, I am aware of the need to make our community more representative of the larger demographic of the state. Availability of cost-accessible living space. Passage of this bill will make not only this possible, but also be ultimately an economic boost to our community. This bill is not only the right thing to do to address Connecticut's affordable housing and housing segregation crises, it is also the smart thing to do to boost our economy overall, especially as we emerge from a global health pandemic. This bill will provide of a set of tools and laws that make sure our zoning and planning systems are fair and equitable. For all these reasons, I support Fair Share Planning and Zoning.

Sincerely,

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